



# Maryland Agriculture Data

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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### Soybean Harvest Slow

With only 3.8 **days suitable for fieldwork**, activities such as harvesting soybeans were hampered due to wet conditions. Consequently, **soybean harvest** is behind schedule at 32 percent complete, 27 percent less than the previous year, and 14 percent behind the five year average. As harvesting activities continue, low yields are reported due to drought conditions from earlier in the growing season. Some fields will not be harvested due to poor yields.

Despite wet conditions last week, small grain seeding continues ahead of schedule. **Barley** planting is nearing completion at 93 percent, 2 percent ahead of last year, and 7 percent ahead of the five year average. Barley is rated 16 percent in excellent condition, 64 percent good, 19 percent fair, and 1 percent poor. **Winter wheat** is 57 percent planted, 2 percent behind last year and 6 percent ahead of the average. Wheat is rated 13 percent excellent, 56 percent good, 30 percent fair, and 1 percent poor.

Precipitation for the week ranged from .4 inches in Garrett County to 1.3 inches in Wicomoco county. All counties have received above average accumulations of precipitation for the month so far. The rain is needed to restore soil moisture, which has improved over the previous three weeks. **Topsoil** is rated 5 percent surplus, 82 percent adequate, 11 percent short, and 2 percent very short. **Subsoil** is rated 2 percent surplus, 35 percent adequate, 48 percent short, and 15 percent very short.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 27, 2002 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1997-2001
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	90	82	94	91
Corn, for grain	91	83	86	77
Sorghum	67	35	68	60
Soybeans	32	25	59	46
Tobacco, stripped	21	10	34	16
Crop Progress:				
Soybeans, dropping leaves	95	87	98	95
Small Grain Seeding:				
Barley	93	87	91	86
Winter Wheat	57	41	59	51
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	80	75	98	88
Alfalfa, 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	90	87	97	93
Alfalfa, 5 <sup>th</sup> cutting	32	28	67	49

### CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 27, 2002 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Barley	0	1	19	64	16
Winter Wheat	0	1	30	56	13
Range & Pasture	3	11	24	51	11

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